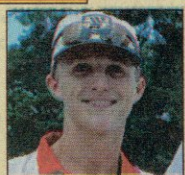


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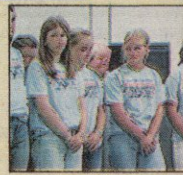
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As wrecks continue to happen at U.S. Hwy. 84 and Ala. Hwy. 141 intersection in Curtis Community

Coffee County citizens strongly encouraged to participate in online meeting

Coffee County citizens continue to be encouraged to participate in an Alabama Department of Transportation [ALDOT] Online Public Involvement Meeting that pertains to the Curtis community intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 and Alabama Hwy. 141.

This intersection has been the site of 100 automobile accidents since late November 2014. The U.S. Hwy. 84 four-lane road opened at that intersection in August 2014.

Last month, ALDOT announced it would be holding an online Public Involvement Meeting for Project No. HSIP-0012(589), which involves a proposal to install a reduced conflict intersection at the intersection of AL-12 (US 84) and AL-141 in Coffee

County. The online meeting opened July 8th for public input, and it will close Aug. 8, 2025. Those interested in participating and providing input should go online at www.aldotinvolved.com.

According to ALDOT, preliminary maps as well as other information developed on this project are available for public inspection at the ALDOT Region Office: 7460 Halcyon Pointe Drive, Suite 100, Montgomery, Ala.

Since the start of the online public involvement meeting, there have continued to be motor vehicle accidents at the intersection with one last Tuesday afternoon, July 22, and last Sunday, July 27. With each of these accidents, injured persons were airlifted from

the scene of the accident.

According to records, since the opening of the four-lane at the location there was one accident in November 2014, three in 2015, 12 in 2016, three in 2017, six in 2018, four in 2019, four in 2020, 13 in 2021, 19 in 2022, 11 in 2023, 14 in 2024, and as of last Sunday there have been 10 accidents already in 2025.

Over the last several years, this area has seen an increase of traffic due to GPS systems routing many traveling to the Florida beaches through the area. Many feel that 'beach traffic' is the main reason the area has seen such an uptick in motor vehicle accidents.

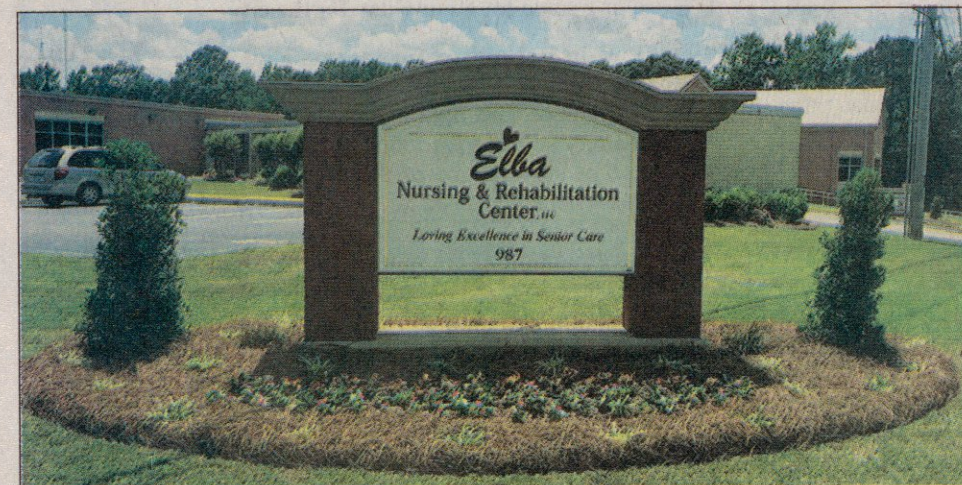
Now is the time for citizens to express their opinions to ALDOT.



A two-vehicle accident Sunday morning, July 27, at approximately 10:30 a.m. involved this motorcycle and an out-of-state SUV. According to reports, the motorcyclist, identified at Waylen Littlefield of Jack, Ala., was traveling east on U.S. Hwy. 84 when the driver of the SUV, who was traveling south on Ala. Hwy. 141, pulled into the oncoming traffic on Hwy. 84 causing the collision with the motorcycle. Littlefield was airlifted from the scene to a Florida hospital where he remained as of press time with serious injuries. The driver of the SUV was unharmed.



A two-vehicle accident Tuesday afternoon, July 22, involved a tractor-trailer carrying chickens and a passenger vehicle. This accident caused the eastbound lanes of U.S. Hwy. 84 to be closed to traffic for several hours as emergency personnel cleared the scene. According to officials, there were multiple injuries in this accident with at least one being serious. The tractor-trailer was traveling Hwy. 84 when the passenger car failed to yield right-of-way causing the accident.



Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center receives 2025 AHCA/NCAL Silver National Quality Award

Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has been recognized as a 2025 Silver – Achievement in Quality Award recipient by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL).

The award is the second of three distinctions possible through the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program, which recognizes organizations that meet progressively rigorous standards of performance to further improve the lives of residents and staff in long term care.

"Receiving the Silver Award is a tremendous honor for our team," said Nikki Hall, executive director of Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. "This accomplishment highlights our commitment to continuously improving the quality of care and services we deliver to our residents each day. We're proud of how far we've come and remain focused on our ongoing pursuit of excellence."

The National Quality

Award Program has three progressive levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. At the Silver level, recipients have met the criteria for the Bronze award and can now move on to the final and most prestigious level of the program, the Gold – Excellence in Quality Award. Trained examiners review each application to determine if the center has met the demands of the criteria.

"Earning the Silver award is no small feat, and Elba Nursing and Rehab has

demonstrated exceptional commitment to quality improvement," said Cathy Bergland, AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award board chair. "This recognition is a clear reflection of their hard work and unwavering focus on delivering superior care and service to residents and staff."

The National Quality Awards will be presented during the AHCA/NCAL Convention & Expo, October 19-22, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Area Happenings

The Wiregrass Wolverines will host a playoff football game Saturday, Aug. 2, at Miller Memorial Stadium (Foggy Bottom) in downtown Elba. Gates will open at 5 p.m., and kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

The Elba City Schools Board of Education will host a "Back to School Bash" Monday evening, Aug. 4, from 5-7 p.m. at the baseball and softball fields on the Elba City Schools campus. There will be free food and drinks, games and inflatables, music and fun activities, and students can meet their teachers and classmates. Also, there will be a school supplies giveaway (while supplies last). All students, families, and community members are welcome to attend.

News Brief:

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, July 28, commissioners approved requests by county engineer Michael Walters to allow for the purchase of grass cutting equipment that will be used at the Coffee County Lake.

Walters said this equipment was needed to help with the process of getting the county lake ready for reopening to the public.

The county anticipates being able to reopen the Coffee County Lake in August.

Coffee County Probate Office announces new smartphone app available for download now

Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson this week announces the release of a custom smartphone application for the county probate office.

The app will serve as a new way for the probate court to connect with Coffee County residents, providing information quickly and efficiently to anyone with a smartphone.

The Coffee County Probate Office app was developed by TheGovApp.com, a brand of OCV LLC, which specializes in mobile app development for government agencies across the county.

The app offers quick access to items of public interest and is easy to use. In just a few clicks, users can access features as:

- Judge's Welcome
- R.E.A.A.C.T.
- Elections/Voter Information
- Probate Court
- Motor Vehicles/Boats
- Licenses
- Website
- Share Our App
- And, More!

Notice:

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, July 28, city clerk Sally Bane said she had been notified by MDI officials that household garbage pickup routes soon would be changing in Elba.

MDI is the contractor currently picking up household garbage for Elba citizens.

Bane said the company would soon be distributing materials to customers letting them know when their "pick-up day" would be moving forward. She said most will see a change, according to MDI officials.

Look for more information as provided.



GETTING READY FOR CHURCH HOMECOMING...Just take a look at these folks putting up a new American Flag recently at Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba while working to clean up and get ready for Homecoming. Shiloh Baptist Church, 218 County Road 407 Elba, will hold Homecoming services Sunday, Aug. 3, at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Mack King will be the guest speaker and the Coppage family will provide music. All are invited to attend. Those pictured above are: (left to right) Jerome Blackmon, Sylvia Marler, Harry Young, Pastor Leon Fortune, Ladon Smith, and Billy Coppage.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, July 22, through Monday, July 28, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, July 22 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 735 Lee St (2:09 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (5:31 a.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 1435 Martin Luther King Dr (12:41 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1415 Jones St (2:33 p.m.); Vehicle accident reported at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 84 and Ala Hwy 141 (3:28 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1415 Jones St (5:01 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 1207 Farris Ave (6:05 p.m.); Powerline/Electrical Fire reported at 393 Brunson

Circle (6:59 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Wednesday, July 23 – Animal complaint reported at 1188 Oak Ave (8:25 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (8:29 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1223 Neil Grantham Dr (5:15 p.m.); Six traffic stops resulted in one three written warnings, one citation, and two verbal warnings.

Thursday, July 24 – Abandoned vehicle reported at 992 Hwy 203 (2:50 a.m.); Fire alarm reported at 569 King Circle (8:30 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1245 Martin Luther King Dr (9:14 a.m.); Motor vehicle accident reported at Neil Grantham Dr and Hwy 203 (7:10 p.m.); Motor vehicle accident reported at 14434

Hwy 87 (8:47 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and two written warnings.

Friday, July 25 – Animal complaint reported in area of Claxton Ave and Hwy 203 (6:19 a.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 13977 Hwy 87 (1:46 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (2:25 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1243 Neil Grantham Dr (7:18 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 429 Plant Ave (10:33 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Saturday, July 26 – Disorderly person reported at 429 Plant Ave (7:20 p.m.); Sexual assault/rape reported at a residence on Reese Ave (8:03 p.m.); Reckless driv-

er reported at Hwy 52 and County Rd 470 (11:20 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation.

Sunday, July 27 – Animal complaint reported at 712 Simmons St (6:13 a.m.); Motor vehicle accident reported at intersection of U.S. Hwy 84 and Ala Hwy 141 (10:30 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 144 Hwy 203 (6:40 p.m.). No traffic stops reported on this date.

Monday, July 28 – Animal complaint reported at 990 Carver Dr (8:25 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 919 Flournoy Dr (7:58 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 839 Troy Hwy (11:35 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, and one written warning.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

Business was booming Sunday afternoon in Elba...at least for the restaurants and gas/convenience stores it appeared to us as we drove through town. After church service on Sunday, we were a part of 7-person table at one downtown restaurant. This business had a steady flow of customers the entire time we were there. Then, after we finished eating we drove to a store on the 'bypass' and this is where we found the booming part! Two restaurants had parking lots filled with vehicles and the adjoining gas/convenience store to one of the restaurants also had an parking lot full of customers. One thing is for sure, these businesses had no complaints for lack of customers on Sunday, and we just smiled as we saw them all enjoying a good day of sales.

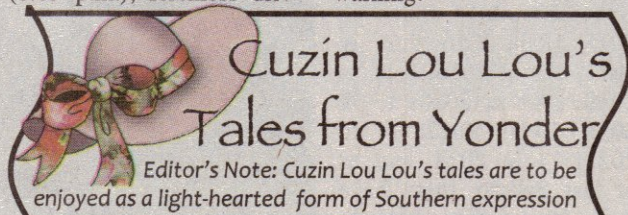
We did notice the customers were a mix of locals and those who appeared to be out-of-town travelers - many probably either returning from or headed to the gulf coast beaches. While there are parts of the county where out-of-town traffic is considered a nuisance rather than a blessing, and we understand why...that is not the case in Elba. We love seeing the travelers stop in our lovely city and spend dollars on food, gas, snacks, clothing, etc. Everytime those folks make a stop in Elba to spend money, that is a good thing for sure!

It was nice to see more of the candidates for office present at the Elba City Council meeting Monday evening. Now, not all of the qualified candidates for council and mayor were there, but there were several more present than had been at the meetings. We have often said, and continue to believe, it is important for those wanting to earn election to the council or as mayor to attend the meeting so they will have a good understanding of the city issues ahead of their potential election. Being involved is a must in our book.

There has been a proposal discussed at a few workshop meeting and actual council meetings to add some new pickleball, tennis and basketball courts next to Tiger Town Park in downtown Elba. After Monday evening's council meeting, it appears this could be a dead issue for now. There was a motion made to move forward with the just over \$400,000 project utilizing some funds the city has 'put back' from the former Elba Healthcare Authority, but that motion died on the floor due to a lack for a second. We can see both sides of this - there is a need in Elba for improved recreation facilities to accommodate those who enjoy pickleball, tennis, and/or basketball, but at the same time, we can also see where this might be a bit too much money for the city to spend on such a project at this time. Maybe there is compromise in there somewhere so that a smaller scale project can be approved costing less money but still getting some new courts constructed. Pickleball is a rave right now...it might be the one to start with if anything is constructed or even the basketball court. We personally love the game of tennis and used to play alot when we were younger and the courts at Hawkins-Williams were playable. However, we also realize that not as many folks seem to share our love for the game, and the city has already let really good tennis courts go bad through the years for lack of upkeep. So, as much as it hurts our heart to say this, a new tennis court might be the less desired of the three options. So, in a nutshell, we think there is still room for discussion on the matter - just maybe in a smaller scale form. This would still give those interested in seeing more recreational options something - and these proposal provide something for adults too not just children, and at the same time, it would cost less of the monies put back saving some for a rainy day for the city.

Now, in that same proposal was a quote for a video system to provide surveillance of the park - including Tiger Town Park, the Splash Pad, bathrooms, pavilions, etc. The city still needs to look at moving forward with some type of surveillance of those existing recreational offerings. There have been far too many reports of vandalism at

Tiger Town Park to not do something! Currently, the bathrooms at the park are locked because of vandalism, and the city has most likely already expended more than what a surveillance system will cost making repairs from incident after incident. A surveillance system might not stop all the criminal mischief that takes place at the park, but it would possible deter some or even better help to catch those responsible. The surveillance part of the proposal needs to be addressed again for sure by the city council in an attempt to come together and do something to help protect these recreation facilities, and we encourage the city council to work together to do that.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Papa enjoyed a 'baseball' adventure last weekend as the two traveled out of town to enjoy a minor league baseball game together.

This is something that Lou Lou and Papa enjoy doing as often as possible, and they never seem to be disappointed with the games, especially when the team they have chosen to "pull for" claims a victory!

While riding to their destination Friday afternoon, Lou Lou and Papa encountered some heavy rain showers along the way. It was nothing too bad, but definitely required Lou Lou to slow the vehicle down a bit and keep a good grip on the steering wheel.

After they passed through the rainstorms, Lou Lou found herself struggling with a bit of sleepiness. To help overcome that, she decided she and Papa needed to carry on a conversation rather than just allow the music from the radio to keep them company.

"I am going to need to you talk to me a bit more," Lou Lou said to Papa.

"Why?" he asked. "Because I am getting sleepy over here and carrying on a conversation will help me stay awake and alert," Lou Lou replied.

"Well...you know I am a man of few words and don't have much to say," Papa said.

Wait just a minute there! What lie of the devil did that man just speak.

"Excuse me!" Lou Lou exclaimed. "Did you just say you are a man of few words? I am just going to have to go

ahead and call bull on that one!"

While he did laugh at Lou Lou's reaction to his statement, Papa seemed surprised that Lou Lou called him out on his "man of few words" statement.

"You might not talk much to me and Sister, but you sir, generally have plenty to say to everyone else! I believe there are tons of folks who would disagree with that statement from you!"

A couple of days later, Lou Lou was telling Papa's sister about him saying he did not talk much, and she just laughed and confirmed that Lou Lou was absolutely correct in her assessment. She said it was in his genes to talk a lot, and he did it well... just like the rest of his family!

Sister also found Papa's declaration to be quite funny.

"What in the name of Yonder?" she asked. "He can talk most people under the table!"

Sister says Lou Lou has her hands full when it comes to "raising" Papa in his elder years. Lou Lou contends they both have their hands full!

One thing is for certain neither of them ever knows what Papa will say or do next! He is definitely keeping both his daughters on their toes.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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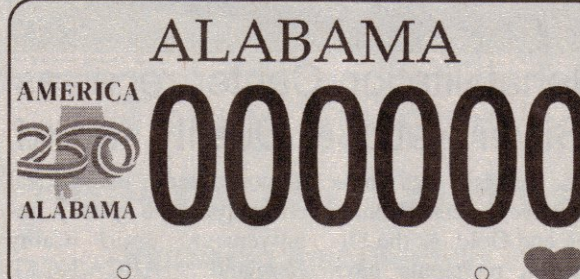
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- August 26 at 12 Noon - Deadline for absentee ballots returned by mail to arrive at city hall



The Elba Lion's Club welcomed guest speaker Brandi Howard (middle 1st row), assistant principal with DDEA (Department of Defense Education Activity), during a recent club meeting. Howard, originally from New Brockton, Ala., has lived and worked the last four years in Europe, currently in Germany. She shared with the club some lessons from abroad that she has observed. She said living abroad was an opportunity for more growth, more perspective and more connection. Howard also indicated that living abroad meant constantly learning, adjusting and adapting. In conclusion, she said living abroad has taught her to embrace newness, honor differences, and finding joy in everyday moments. Brandi's mother, Cal Donnia Howard, is a member of the Elba Lions Club.

Governor launches Veterans Resource Center Board to strengthen support for state's veterans community

Governor Kay Ivey last week announced the appointment of eleven distinguished leaders to the Alabama Veterans Resource Center (AVRC) Board, a new initiative designed to develop a statewide, sustainable hub dedicated to supporting veterans and their families.

A component of Governor Ivey's 2025 legislative agenda, this center will provide job training and workforce assistance, aid in benefits navigation, support with family and legal needs and build peer and social connections in the veteran community.

"During this past legislative session, I made it a top priority to strengthen our support for Alabama's veterans and establishing the Veterans Resource Center was a key part of that effort," said Governor Ivey. "Our servicemen and women deserve accessible, reliable support as they navigate civilian life. With this board now in place, we're taking a major step forward in making sure Alabama remains the most military- and veteran-friendly state in the nation."

The AVRC Board members include:

Greg Reed, Chairman, Secretary of the Alabama Department of Workforce

Jeff Newton, Vice Chairman, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs

Kimberly Boswell, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Mental Health

Bobby Singleton, Senator for Senate District 24 and Minority Leader, Alabama Senate

Anthony Daniels, Representative for House District 53 and Minority Leader, Alabama House of Representatives

Stacia Robinson, Director of the Alabama Office of Minority Affairs

Ronald Brown, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Jim Wilson & Associates

Carter Wells, Government Relations Advisor at Maynard Nexsen

George Talbot, Senior Vice President for External Affairs at Volkert (Lieutenant Governor Appointee)

Andrew Jones, Senator for Senate District 10 and Chairman of the Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Safety Committee (Senate President Pro Tempore

Appointee) Tracy Doughty, President and Chief Operations Officer at Huntsville Hospital (Speaker of the House Appointee)

Alabama Department of Workforce Secretary Greg Reed acknowledged the AVRC will be a huge benefit to former servicemen and women across Alabama.

"Alabama veterans deserve more than just gratitude — they deserve resources to help them navigate the systems that meet their needs," said Secretary Reed. "By creating an entity that will help streamline access to services and collaborate with stakeholders, we hope to do our part to help the veteran community in Alabama. Our goal is to increase partnerships, eliminate fragmentation, increase trust and improve long-term outcomes for those and their families who have sacrificed so much for our country."

Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Jeff Newton underscored the importance of the new center's mission and the lasting impact it can have on veterans across the state.

"The Alabama Veterans Resource Center has the potential to change lives, but it's just the beginning," said Commissioner Newton. "This facility will provide an added resource for veterans to thrive after service — to build a future, start a career and make an impact right here in Alabama. It's critical that we get this transition right, and this center is where transition becomes opportunity."

The Alabama Veterans Resource Center Board will meet in the coming weeks to begin their work.

Obituaries

DONALD LEE NICHOLS JR.

Mr. Donald Lee "Donnie" Nichols Jr., age 63, of Coffee Springs, Ala., died Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at his residence in Coffee Springs.



Donnie loved cars, working outside, westerns; but more than anything he loved God and his family. His grandbabies and his wife were the light of his life. He spent most of his life working as a master plumber and electrician, working hard to make sure his family was taken care of.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025, beginning at 2 p.m., at Chancellor Assembly of God Church with Rev. Larry Mock, Rev. Charles Jones, and Rev. Mike Medley officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family c/o 1087 County Road 56, Coffee Springs, AL 36318. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba will direct the services.

Survivors include his wife, Taletha Nichols, Coffee Springs; daughter, Katie (Adam) Khan, Coffee Springs; son, Matthew (Katherine) Veasey, Elba; grandchildren, Oaklyn Khan, Dakota Veasey, Boone Khan, all of Coffee Springs, and Mason Veasey, Elba; along with his brother, Greg (Robin) Nichols, Headland, Ala.

JACK LAWAYNE MARLER

Mr. Jack Lawayne Marler, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, July 27, 2025, at his residence in Elba.



Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 30, 2025, beginning at 2 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler and Rev. Chris Tidwell officiating. Burial followed in the Hudson Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Marler was preceded in death by his parents, Alton & Cassie Bryan Marler; daughter, Jessica Marler; and brothers-in-law, Aaron Tidwell and Larry Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Janalla Marler, Elba;

daughter, Lashell (Mickey Mills) Marler, New Brockton, Ala.; granddaughters, Ashley Grantham, Whittier, NC, Madison Smith, and Ella Grace Mills, both of New Brockton; grandson, Nathan (Samantha) Grantham, Elba; great-grandsons, Wade Nicholson and Jon Luke Grantham, both of Elba, Kase Bradley, Whittier, NC; sisters: Kathy Tidwell and Gerotha Smith, both of Elba; and brothers, Donnie (Linda) Marler and Waymer (Maxine) Marler, both of Elba.

KATHRYN RENEE CARTER

Ms. Kathryn Renee Carter, age 49, of Kinston, Ala., died Monday, July 21, 2025.

She was born in Florida to Bobby and Diane Carter.

A private funeral service will be held at a later date. The family is being served by Coleman Funeral Home of Elba.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her two daughters, Nikki (Cody) Daniels, and Amie (James) Wright; two brothers, Claude and Dwayne Carter; five grandchildren, Jack, JC, Lacey, Zackary and Carleigh; her fiancé, Eric Pickeron; and numerous other family members.

WALTER THOMAS DENNIS

Walter Thomas Dennis, age 14, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Sunday, July 6, 2025.

He was born Sept. 24, 2010 in Birmingham, Ala. to the late Patchia Jane Medley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 23, 2025, from Coleman Funeral Home in Elba.

Survivors at the time of his death included his brothers, Steven Medely, and Zack Medely; sister, Lacey Lane Henderson-Dosier, grandmother, Sharon Pugh; stepfather, James Bergins; stepbrothers, James R. Harris, and Sammy Bergins; sisters-in-law, Angela Helms, Jody Johnson, Rayleigh Harris, Ana Harris, and Halle Stewart; brothers-in-law, David Thompson, Cody Helton, and Dwayne Marshall; girlfriend, Harley Harris; nephews, Jaxon Thompson, Dominic Thompson, Colton Rye Thompson, and Karter Phinex Marshall; and his mother and father-in-law, Starla Edwards and Martin Edwards.



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Sooner or later, though, it's always important to give your loved one a final resting place - whether that's a grave site, a niche in a columbarium, or a space in an urn garden.

Essentially, you want to have a location where you and other loved ones can go to visit your loved one - and there are a few reasons for this. One is simply that it makes it easier for everyone in the family to pay their respects. A relative may wish to go to the grave site to honor the deceased, something that's a lot harder to do if you simply keep the remains in your private residence.

It's also important to remember future generations. When your loved one has a permanent resting place, it allows descendants the opportunity to remember and to acknowledge the legacy of which they are a part of. What's more, burial records are important to future generations that might wish to research their family roots.

But more than anything, you and your loved ones will want a physical place you can go to be in the presence of your deceased family member. Those who scatter ashes but never give their loved one a permanent home often regret they don't have such a place to gather, commemorate, and mourn.

There are a number of options to choose from, whether you want to lay your loved one to rest in a traditional cemetery plot or seek an alternative. Speak to our cemetery staff to learn more.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Ever since our grandson Lawson was in kindergarten we looked forward to going with him a week or two before school started to help him pick out school clothes. Well, our annual trip was last weekend, and while we did follow him around a couple of stores, about all our suggestions got were polite head shakes as he picked out clothes selected more for comfort than to impress. Maybe one day we will change with the times, but until then we will continue to enjoy what we still consider to be the good times for grandparents.

For what it is worth....

*** *Elba's Jay Wilson was back in the winner's circle* last week as he helped lead the South to its first-ever team win at the annual North-South All-Star high school golf tournament. Wilson, a two-time defending individual state champion, teamed with another two-time state champ in the match play event and rolled past their opponents 15-3 in the 18-hole match to set the stage for the historic win. If this was still elementary school and all the students had shared what they did during the summer, Jay could just pull out a tee and a golf ball, and talk about all the courses he played and what he accomplished.

*** *In this week's chapter of the preseason football* preview I gave all area fans a preview of the regions in which their favorite teams will compete this fall on the gridiron.

Class 1A, Region 2 has been one of the state's most competitive regions for many years and heading into this season appears to be even more competitive than ever with the emergence of surprise defending champ McKenzie, to go along with perennial powers Elba, Brantley, Georgiana and Florala. It seems a little unlikely that Kinston, Red Level or Pleasant Home will be this year's surprise team, but in this region you never really know.

Class 2A, Region 3 is also filled with very competitive teams and in recent years has included a couple of teams that were favored to possibly win a state title, only to fall short. Highland Home is at the top of the list and has turned into a state power, while Luverne is always in the mix and never sneaks up on anyone. Goshen has emerged into a solid team and along with Zion Chapel advanced to the post-season a year ago, while the sleeper has to be Pike Liberal Arts, which has been hampered for forfeits ever since making the move to the AHSAA. As for Barbour County or Calhoun, unless they win one by forfeit, their only chance at a win may be when they play each other.

Class 4A, Region 2 is filled with solid teams that always win their share of games, but really don't throw a scare at anybody when it comes to post-season play. Opp has probably been the most consistent winner in recent years, even though it hasn't won a title in over 15 years, while Pike County is always a team no one wants to play. Dale County and Ashford made some noise a year ago, with the Warriors taking home the region crown. However, no one else looks like they will be ready to make a run, unless Geneva wakes back up after a winless season.

*** *The South All-Stars enjoyed* perhaps their best week ever in the 29-year history of the 'All-Star Sports Week' last week as they swept their challengers from the North in basketball, baseball, golf, softball and volleyball, losing only in cross country, and splitting competition in tennis and soccer, to end the week with a 9-4-1 record. The annual event brings together many of the state's top high school athletes in a friendly, yet competitive setting, and puts the athletes on the big stage. My oldest daughter Melissa competed for the South years ago in softball and took home MVP honors, and her plaque is still a treasured piece of her high school memories. The weeklong games bring hundreds of players, coaches and fans together, and gives everyone of them a memory to cherish. There is no doubt this is one of the top events sponsored by the AHSAA, and should always find its way on the calendar.

*** *President Trump last week signed* an executive order that directed members of his cabinet to develop a plan in the next thirty days to help preserve college sports as we know it and to prevent college athletes from becoming professionals. The order's hope is to preserve athletic scholarships based on the athletic department's annual revenue, not allow the colleges from allowing athletes to accept 'third-party, pay-for-play payments,' and through the use of federal funding to force colleges to abide by the policy. I believe the executive order is meant more to bring parties together to work out a solution to the current funding issues facing college athletics than to force anyone to do anything, and since everything Pres. Trump does or says always seems to make the headlines, it at least did get folks talking.

*** *In closing...* While I will admit I am not a big fan of professional wrestling, I did take the time to read a lot of comments last week about the death of wrestling icon Hulk Hogan. Most fans will tell you that one of the biggest moments in Wrestlemania history came in 1987 when Hogan picked up 500-pound Andre the Giant and body slammed him to pin the Giant. However, back in May, 1979, the two wrestlers met for the first time at the Coffee County Farm Center, in New Brockton, when Terry "The Hulk" Boulder faced off against Andre. The rivalry later led to an arm-wrestling event on a TV station in Dothan, and while the fame of both men grew over the years, the fact the two wrestling superstars first met in a ring in New Brockton is a fact that should go down in local sports history!

Class 1A Region 2 may be state's best

Class 1A, Region 2 is regarded by coaches and sportswriters across the state as one of the most competitive in the 1A ranks, as was obvious just last season as five teams posted winning records and the top two finishers posted a combined record of 21-5.

The McKenzie Tigers won the region title last season for just the second time since 2010, and over the past fifteen years has posted a region record of 20-31.

The Elba Tigers placed second in the region race for the second time in the past five seasons after winning the region crown in 2021-2022-2023, and posting an amazing region record of 102-10 since 2009, with nine region titles.

The Georgiana Panthers placed third in the region standings last season, but won four straight region titles with a perfect 27-0 region record in 2015-2018, and over the last three seasons has posted a lofty 17-6 region record.

The Florala Wildcats were the fourth place team in last year's region wars, and while they have yet to win a region crown, they did win back-to-back area titles back in 1997-98, and over the past six years have posted a solid 27-17 region record.

The Brantley Bulldogs settled for a rare fifth place finish in the region standings a year ago, but have won a total of 16 region crowns since the region format was adopted in 2000. They won a region title 12 of 13 years from 2002-2014, but have repeated the feat only three more times over the past ten seasons.

The Kinston Bulldogs have never worn a region crown, but did place second in the region race in 2021. Since posting a winning region record of 22-17 during a six-year span from 2010-2015, the Bulldogs have complied a 21-44 region record the last nine years.

CLASS 1A, REGION 2

(2024 Results)

Team	Region	Overall
McKenzie	6-1	10-2
Elba	6-1	11-3
Georgiana	5-2	8-5
Florala	4-3	7-4
Brantley	4-3	6-4
Kinston	2-5	3-7
Red Level	1-6	2-8
Pleasant Home	0-7	1-9

The Red Level Tigers won their only region title back in 2004, but since 2010 have posted four region wins only twice, and over the past ten seasons has posted a region record of 18-53.

The Pleasant Home Eagles have never worn a region crown and posted their last winning region record in 2012, when the Eagles posted a 4-3 slate. Over the past ten seasons, Pleasant Home has posted a region record of 13-58.

CLASS 2A, REGION 3

(2024 Results)

Team	Region	Overall
Highland Home	6-0	13-1
Goshen	5-1	8-3
Luverne	4-2	6-6
Zion Chapel	3-3	7-4
Calhoun	2-4	3-7
Barbour County	1-5	1-8
Pike Lib	0-6	0-10

Class 2A Region 3 includes three perennial prep powers

Class 2A, Region 3 has been able to produce some of the state's top high school football teams over the past number of seasons, despite having only seven teams in the region and being in a region dominated by three teams.

The Highland Home Flying Squadron won the region crown last season for just the second time since 2005, but has been a perennial power in both the classification and region as over the past seven years as the Squadron has rolled to a 36-10 region record.

The Goshen Eagles, which have won only two region titles in 25 years (2001 & 2017), placed second in the region a year ago and have been a region power consistently as over the past three years the Eagles have posted a 13-7 region slate.

The Luverne Tigers have been a small school football power for decades, but have won only one region title over the past eleven years (2019) and last season placed third in the region standings. The Tigers lack of titles has been the only negative; however, as over the past eight years they have rolled to a 40-12 region record.

The Zion Chapel Rebels have never worn a region crown, but placed fourth in the region race a year ago and over the past three seasons has posted an 8-12 region record. The Rebels have won three or more region contests five times since 2011.

The Calhoun Tigers have also never worn a region crown in football, and last season posted two region wins, its most since posting three region victories back in 2023. The last ten years the Tigers have posted a 7-59 region record.

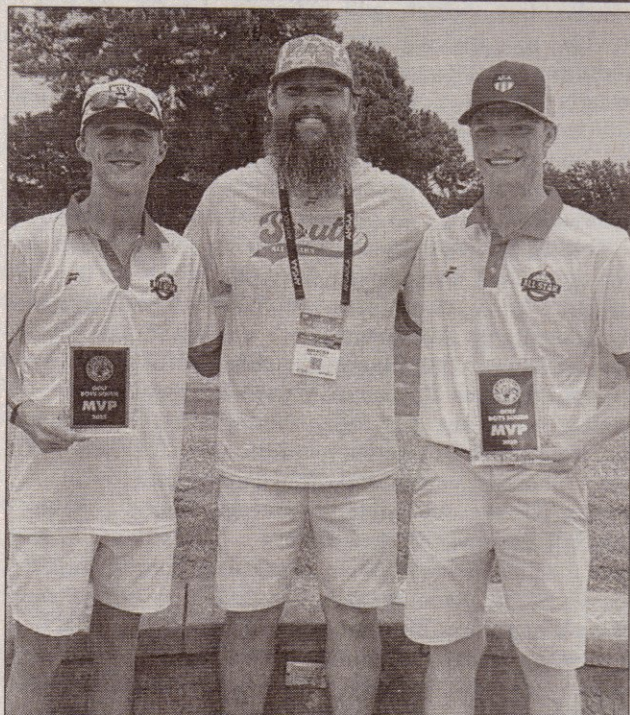
The Barbour County Jaguars won their only region title back in 2008, and in the span between 2008 and 2013 posted an impressive 23-19 region slate. Over the last ten years, the Tigers have posted a 1-60 region record, with their lone win coming by forfeit.

The Pike Liberal Arts Patriots won four region titles during their 51-year run in the private school ranks and last season were winless in the region due to having to forfeit three region wins.

CLASS 4A, REGION 2

(2024 Results)

Team	Region	Overall
Dale County	6-1	8-3
Ashford	5-2	6-6
Opp	5-2	7-4
Straughn	5-2	5-6
Pike County	4-3	4-5
New Brockton	2-5	4-6
Daleville	1-6	1-9
Geneva	0-7	0-10



SOUTH STARS.... South MVP's Jay Wilson (left) and Michael Heaton (right), along with Coach Mark Wicker display rewards after win.

Jay Wilson helps lead South to first win ever at tourney

The South girls' and boys' golf teams swept the sixth annual North-South All-Star golf competition last week at Arrowhead Golf Club, in Montgomery, to kick off the 2025 AHSAA All-Star Sports Week.

The South boys' squad, coached by Alex Davis of Smiths Station and Mark Wicker of Elba, won over the North for the first time in the six-year competition with a 3-1-1 edge in the match play to win 56.5 to 33.5.

Elba's Jay Wilson and Bayshore Christian's Michael Heaton beat the North's Jay Whaley of Oxford and Drew Clark of Southside 15-3 for the biggest margin of victory in the South win.

MVPs South girls: Julie Waldo (Alabama Christian Academy) and Bailee Reaper (Spanish Fort) North girls: Emma Jones (Boaz) and Charli Aris (West Point). South boys: Jay Wilson (Elba) and Michael Heaton (Bayshore Christian) North boys: : Brodie Abernathy, Westbrook Christian and Caden Wood, Piedmont.

Class 4A Region 2 is again filled with competitive field

One of the most balanced regions in recent years has been found in Class 4A, Region 2, where last season a total of five teams posted winning region records and three teams were tied for second in the standings with five region victories.

The Dale County Warriors won their first region title since claiming back-to-back region crowns in 2013-2014 with a run to the title last season, but it was only the second winning region record in the last eight years.

The Ashford Yellowjackets placed second in the region standings last season, and claimed their only region title back in 2003. Their impressive 5-2 region slate last season was a shining light as they had posted an 11-50 region record the previous nine years.

The Opp Bobcats placed third in last year's region race and have won a total of four region titles in their rich football history. Their last crown came in 2016, but the Bobcats have always been a team to watch as they have posted a 30-12 region record the past six years.

The Straughn Tigers, which placed fourth in the region standings a year ago, have won three region crowns, with the last coming in 2023, which was their final season in the 3A ranks. Over the past four seasons, the Tigers have posted an impressive 24-6 region record.

The Pike County Bulldogs have claimed nine region titles, including three straight region crowns from 2016-2019. The Bulldogs struggled to a winless season in 2021. However, even when that stat is counted they have a gaudy 56-26 region record over the past twelve years.

The New Brockton Gamecocks have never worn a region crown, but have posted a total of four or five region wins 11 times, while posting a 7-28 region slate over the past five years.

The Daleville Warhawks have claimed a total of five region crowns, with four coming during a span from 2008 to 2015. Over the last five seasons, they have posted a 6-29 region record.

The Geneva Panthers have claimed three region titles, including back-to-back crowns in 2005-2006. After posting a 12-9 region record from 2019-2021, the Panthers have managed a region record of 4-17 the last three seasons.

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Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe tto hold Aug. 16 meeting

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama is applying for both the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Grant (LIHEAP) and the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) for the counties of Coffee, Crenshaw, Covington, Geneva, Houston, Dale, and Pike in Alabama.

Applications are available at the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama Tribal Complex, located at Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama State Reservation, 2950 County Road 377, Elba, Alabama 36323. Appointments can be scheduled to view the applications, or a copy can be emailed.

A meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 1 p.m. at Ma-Chis Lower Creek

Indian Tribe of Alabama, Tribal Complex, Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama State Reservation, 2950 County Road 377, Elba, Alabama 36323.

For additional information, contact Vice Chief Nancy Carnley at ncarnley@machis-tribe.com or 334-897-3207.

Open House set for Aug. 5 at Elba Elementary

Elba Elementary School will host "Open House" Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for Pre-K, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade. For grades 3-6, the open house time will be 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICES:

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The estate of PAULA H. WIGGINS, Deceased.
Case No.: PC-2025-049

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Paula H. Wiggins, deceased, having been granted to James Lenard Wiggins, Administrator, on the 15th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court, Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ James Lenard Wiggins
James Lenard Wiggins
Petitioner
Preston Register, Attorney
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7/24, 31 & 8/7

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CONNIE PHILLIPS, DECEASED.
CASE NO. PC-2025-046

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of July, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Attorney for JoAnn Segars,
Personal Representative
7/24, 31 & 8/7-pd

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF GENEVA

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by HINES WESLEY CLENNEY, Spouse of TORI NAHLENAH CLENNEY, TORI NAHLENAH CLENNEY, Spouse of HINES WESLEY CLENNEY, on March 8, 2022, to First National Bank of Hartford, which mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1146 Page 108, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, the undersigned, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the said mortgage will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the main entrance of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama, on August 14, 2025, during the legal hours of sale the following real estate situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to wit:

A parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at

a 3/8" iron pipe marking the purported north line of Section 1, T2N, R23E, and the west R/W of Geneva County Road No. 41, and thence S 22 degrees -00 minutes-57 seconds W 986.58 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe on the west R/W of said road and the POINT OF BEGINNING: and thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 5859.39 feet, a delta of 02 degrees-02 minutes-48 seconds, and a chord bearing and distance of S. 24 degrees -27 minutes -43 seconds W 209.29 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 88 degrees -22 minutes -20 seconds W 228.66 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 24 degrees -00 minutes -58 seconds E 222.05 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 85 degrees -12 minutes -51 seconds E 225.65 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel of being in the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1, T2N, R23E, and containing 1.0 acres more or less.

A parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a 3/8" iron pipe marking the purported north line of Section 1, T2N, R23E, and the west R/W of Geneva County Road No. 41, and thence S 21 degrees -57 minutes -41 seconds W 944.43 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe on the west R/W of said road and the POINT OF BEGINNING: and thence S 23 degrees -13 minutes -57 seconds W along the west R/W of said road 42.17 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 85 degrees -12 minutes -51 seconds W 225.65 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 24 degrees -00 minutes -58 seconds W 222.05 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 88 degrees -22 minutes-20 seconds W 683.54 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 36 degrees -01 minutes -05 seconds E 120.71 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 51 degrees -51 minutes -40 seconds E 262.16 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 28 degrees -47 minutes -43 seconds E 6.09 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 85 degrees -12 minutes -51 seconds E 737.59 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel of being in the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1, T2N, R23E and containing 3.9 acres more or less.

A parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a 3/8" iron pipe marking the purported north line of Section 1, T2N, R23E, and the west R/W of County Road No. 41, and thence S 23 degrees -03 Minutes -04 seconds W 1405.25 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe on the west R/W of said road and the POINT OF BEGINNING: and thence S 27 degrees -45 minutes -23 seconds W along the west R/W of said road 44.55 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 88 degrees -22 minutes -20 seconds W 811.28 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 23 degrees-04 minutes-30 seconds W 50.32 feet to a 5/8", iron pipe, thence N 08 degrees -01 minutes -15 seconds W 116.8.0 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence N 36 degrees -01 minutes -05 seconds E 84.39 feet to a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 88 degrees -22 minutes -20 seconds 683.54 feet to

a 5/8" iron pipe, thence S 26 degrees -30 minutes -43 seconds W 210.00 feet to a 5/8"- iron pipe, thence S 88 degrees -22 minutes -20 seconds E 228.66 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel of being in the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1, T2N, R23E, and containing 3.7 acres more or less.

Property Address: 11971 Co Road 41, Hartford, AL 36344

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging. Said property will be sold on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis subject to the right of way easements and restrictions of record in the Probate Office of Geneva County, Alabama, and will be subject to existing special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MAX WOOD JR., DECEASED,

DANIELLE ELIZABETH RICH MARSHALL, PETITIONER.

CASE NO. 25-0092

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Max Wood Jr., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of July, 2025, by Toby L. Seay, the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Danielle Elizabeth Rich Marshall
Danielle Elizabeth Rich Marshall
Personal Representative
Attorney for Estate:
Jeffery D. Hatcher
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Geneva, Alabama 36340
7/24, 31 & 8/7-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROYCE DOTSON CREWS, DECEASED.
CASE NO. 2025-106

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Rosemary Harrison, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Royce Dotson Crews, deceased, on the 14th day of July, 2025, by the Toby Seay, Geneva County Probate Judge. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Rosemary Harrison
Rosemary Harrison,
Personal Representative
7/24, 31 & 8/7-pd

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having being made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated September 29, 2023 executed by Joshua Marc Stanley, an unmarried man, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, said Mortgage being recorded October 11, 2023, in Book 1208, Page 30, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama; assigned to Planet Home Lending, LLC by instrument recorded in Book 1262, Page 34, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama. Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Planet Home Lending, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, Geneva County, Alabama on 04/23/2025, having been postponed to 07/23/2025, further postponed to 10/29/2025 during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit: Commence at the NE corner of the NW1/4 of SE1/4, Section 15, T2N, R25E, Geneva County, Alabama, and run thence S00 deg -40'-55"W a distance of 1650 feet; thence S87 deg-36'-50"W a distance of 362.34 feet to the south right of way line of Geneva County Highway #49 and the Point of Beginning; thence continue S87 deg-36'-50"W a distance of 257.32 feet; thence run N32 deg-57'-42"E a distance of 150.00 feet; thence run S57 deg -02'18"E a distance of 212.19 feet to the Point of Beginning.

For informational purposes only, the property address is: 441 N County Road 49, Slocomb, AL 36375. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE,

EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fees and other purposes set out in said mortgage. Planet Home Lending, LLC Paul K. Lavelle, Esq. Attorney for Mortgagee Spina, & Lavelle, P.C. One Perimeter Park South-Suite 400N Birmingham, Alabama 35243 (205) 298-1800 39-FC-25-01093 7/31-chg.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, GENEVA COUNTY.

IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NO. 25-111

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Terry Eugene Tew, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of July, 2025, by the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Respectfully Submitted on this the 21st day of July, 2025.

/s/ Deborah Bradley Tew
Deborah Bradley Tew
Personal Representative of said Estate.

Jeffrey T. Gray
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Robert Hill Evans, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2025-153

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Robert Hill Evans, deceased, having been granted to Christine Marie Shaw, Personal Representative, on the 28th day of July, 2025, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF HELGA K. LEONARD, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. PR-2025-141

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 28th day of July, 2025, by the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, to PEGGY SUE CHAVES to serve as Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF HELGA K. LEONARD, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims in or against the Estate of Helga K. Leonard that they shall and will be required to present any and all claims against said Estate to Clerk of the Court for probate and registration as is required within the time allowed by law, or said claims will be barred.

/s/ Charles H. Ellzey
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CASE NO. PR-2025-108
NOTICE OF HEARING RE LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
State of Alabama, Probate Court of Coffee County
In the matter of the Estate of: RUSSELL EDWIN HOLLINHEAD, deceased,
Case No. PR 2025-108:

To the heir(s) at law of the aforementioned matter: On the 28th day of July 2025, the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama set a second hearing date in regard to the approval or denial of the Petition to Probate the Will of Russell Edwin Hollinhead, deceased, approval or denial of Petition of Clayton Eugene Hollinhead to serve as Executor of Estate, and the granting or denial of Letters of Administration to Clayton Eugene Hollinhead as Executor, for the Estate Russell Edwin Hollinhead, deceased. Trial to be held on the 3rd day of September 2025 at 8:30 AM. Hearing location: Coffee County Probate Court, 101 S. Edwards Street, Enterprise, Alabama, 36330. Notice is hereby given to aforementioned heir(s) at law of said Estate Filings, of forthcoming hearing regarding the approval or denial of: Clayton Eugene Hollinhead's Petition to Probate the Will of Russell Edwin Hollinhead, Petition of Clayton Eugene Hollinhead to serve as Executor of the Estate, and the granting of Letters of Administration to Petitioner aforementioned in this matter.

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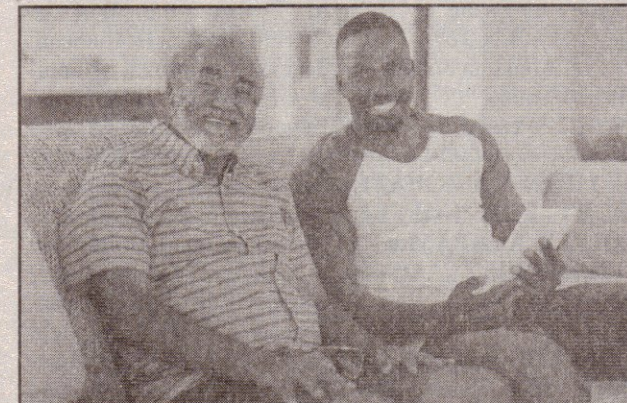
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DEMEKO SANCHEZ REESE, Deceased
CASE NO.: PR-2025-117

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of DEMEKO SANCHEZ REESE, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Erma Byrd
ERMA BYRD
Administrator of said Estate
7/17, 24 & 31-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JANICE GRIMES MORGAN, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PR-2025-142

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Janice Grimes Morgan, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

/s/ Thadius W. Morgan, Jr.
THADIOUS W. MORGAN, JR.
Personal Representative
7/17, 24 & 31-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DANIEL GUY KENNEDY, SR., DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PR-2025-135

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of DANIEL GUY KENNEDY, SR., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

/s/ Lillian Marlene Kennedy
LILLIAN MARLENE KENNEDY
Personal Representative
7/17, 24 & 31-pd

IN THE PROBATE

COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Enterprise Division

In the Estate of: EARNEST L. ANDERSON Deceased.
Case No. PR-2024-066

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ADAM CHASE ANDERSON as Administrator of the Estate of EARNEST L. ANDERSON, deceased on the 14th day of July, 2025 by the HON JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of Probate Court of COFFEE County, Alabama.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
JODEE R. THOMPSON
Judge of Probate, Coffee County
7/17, 24 & 31-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUBY LEE MERRIEX, Deceased.

CASE NO. PR-2025-100

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Elizabeth Michelle Stallworth as Administrator of the Estate of Ruby Lee Merriex, deceased, on the 14th day of July, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
7/24, 31 & 8/7-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNIE KENNINGTON, DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-151

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Richard Lamar Oliver III and to all Known and Unknown heirs at law and next of kin of DONNIE KENNINGTON who may be unknown and are not named.

You are hereby notified that TINA PATRICK has filed a Petition to probate a document purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Donnie Kennington, deceased.

A hearing on said petition has been set for the 27th day of August, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at which time you may appear and contest the same if you see fit.

DONE AND ORDERED this 21st day of July, 2025
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
JODEE R. THOMPSON
JUDGE OF PROBATE
7/24, 31 & 8/7-pd

IN THE PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDY KAYE SHERLING DECEASED
CASE NO.: PC-2025-051

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of July, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of COFFEE County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

GLEN T. BARNES, III
By: /s/ Chelsea Hester
Attorney for Personal Representative
7/31, 8/7 & 14-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: LYNDIA GAIL RICHARDSON, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PC-2025-053

NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, LYNDIA GAIL RICHARDSON, having been granted to Gussie Mae Helms on the 22nd day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Done this the 22nd day of July, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
7/31, 8/7 & 14-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KIRK CARL WEBER, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PC-2008-031

NOTICE

To: Mathias Charles Weber

You will please take notice that on the 22nd day of July, 2025, an Application for Approval of the Transfer of Property and an Application for Final Settlement of Estate were filed by April Schultz, Administrator of the Estate of Kirk Carl Weber, and that the 28th day of August, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. was appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

DONE this 22nd day of July, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
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CHURCH NEWS

What does the Bible say about... Obedience?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Hebrews 5:8-9). At Philippians 2:8, the Bible says Jesus "became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." After king Saul had disobeyed God by bringing animals for sacrifice that God had told him to completely destroy, the prophet Samuel was sent by God, and in 1 Samuel 15:22 the Bible says, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

When the officers told the apostles not to teach about Jesus Christ, they "answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

Jesus teaches the importance of obedience when he said, "Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21), or "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

Obedience means to submit, to be willing to obey, to comply with orders in being dutiful; to comply with the demands or requests of one in authority.

God has given Jesus all authority (Matthew 28:18), and the above verses show Jesus died for us, and has the

right to tell us to obey him in order to receive salvation and all spiritual blessings which are in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).

The Bible has much to say about obedience, and emphasizes that God always blesses those who obey him and punishes those who are disobedient. The Bible says, "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power" (1 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Are you obeying Jesus? Have you obeyed him by faith, repentance, confession, and baptism? Are you obeying him by living faithfully for him each day (Revelation 2:10)?

Homecoming services set for Sunday, Aug. 3rd, at Shiloh Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist Church, located at 218 County Rd. 407, Elba, will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 3, starting at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Pastor Mack King, and the Coppage Family will be sharing special music. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the food, fellowship, music, and services.

Homecoming at Woodland Grove Baptist Church set for Aug. 10th

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of us have some passages of scripture that are not clear to us. However, most people also have very little difficulty understanding the basics of what God expects. In fact, we probably understand very clearly what God says about the sins that may trouble us the most. The same was true of Judah in the distant past. Their problem was that Jeremiah was speaking all too plainly (for their comfort) about what God demanded of them. His clear call to repentance made them very uncomfortable and made them wish he would go away and leave them alone. - C.R.B.

Question/Answer Section

Questions and Answers for the week of 7-24-2025

(Q) In Psalm 1, what object from nature does the writer use to symbolize the person who delights in God's law? (Tree)(Flower)(Apple)
(A) Tree - Psalm 1:3
(Q) Give two reasons why the Psalmist fears no evil when he walks through the valley of the shadow of death?
(A) 1. The Lord is with Him 2. His rod and staff comfort him - Psalm 23:4
(Q) What two blessings will follow the Psalmist all the days of his life?
(A) Goodness and Mercy - Psalm 23:6

Questions for the week of 7-31-2025 - Fill in the Blanks

(Q) He tended his father-in-law's sheep in the desert of Sinai.
(Q) He spent forty days in the desert of Judea, fasting and being tempted by Satan.
(Q) He frequently retreated to the desert to get away from the crowds.
Today is a good day! Be Grateful!

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Homecoming • Sunday, Aug. 10th

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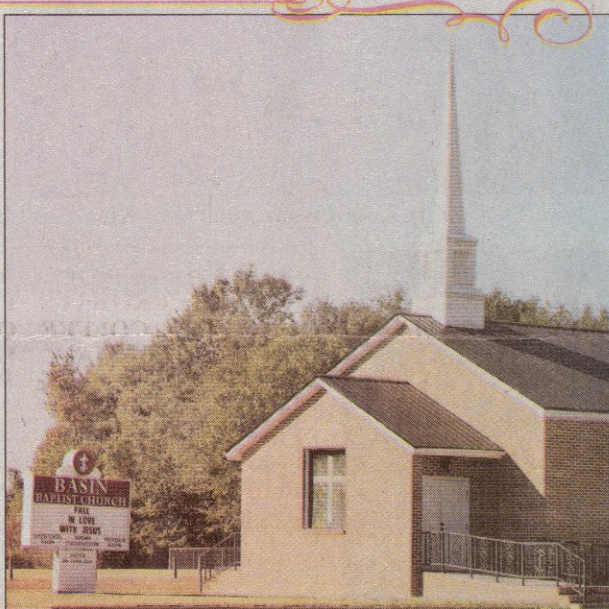
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Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

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Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

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Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.



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Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Bookout, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
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Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy Janes, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA METHODIST CHURCH
Nathan Elliott, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adecock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
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Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
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Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
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Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATHER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Edgar C. Peter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Danny Branch, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Chad Fuller, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors
Sunday School... 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Time... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

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NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Hubert McWaters, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Allen Dieas, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

PRAISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship... 12 noon
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
James Preachers, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Lucas Taylor, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kinston and Zion Chapel state champ softball teams honored at County Commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Publisher

The Coffee County Commission recognized two state champion softball teams from Coffee County Monday morning, July 28, during the commission's regular bimonthly meeting.

The Class 1A Kinston softball team and the Class 2A Zion Chapel softball team each won the Alabama High School Athletic Association's state championship in their respective divisions in May. On Monday of this week, the Coffee County Commission presented each team/school with a resolution officially recognizing and congratulating each on the accomplishment.

Both schools are part of the Coffee County School System.

"I want to thank you for taking the time to recognize Kinston and Zion Chapel for this huge accomplishment," Coffee County Schools superintendent Kelly Cobb said. "It is truly a historic moment."

She said it had been some 47 years since two Coffee County Schools had won back-to-back state championships in one sport in the same year, like Kinston and Zion Chapel did this May. Cobb said that was Kinston and New Brockton with basketball state championships all those years ago, according to school history.

Cobb further said she also wanted to point out that the young ladies on these teams not only have great athleticism, but they also represent their schools well in academics and

through their character.

"The vice president of the athletic association spoke with me after we won both championships, and she said she did not know if I realized it but they [AHSAA] had recognized the sportsmanship among our players, coaches and fans during the entire process," Cobb said. "So, not only to our students have athleticism, but they also have great character too. They are well-rounded students and demonstrate it."

Zion Chapel principal Jared Robinson echoed Cobb's comments saying, "What a lot of people notice is the exchange for each other on Facebook as they support each other during their championships. It's one of those things that I think is the spirit of Coffee County. They show great class in supporting each other."

Robinson said these student-athletes are a tremendous group of young ladies that make a difference each day on their school campus.

Coaches and leaders of each team said they hope to be able to "do it again" this next school year and bring home another state championship.

Following the meeting, Coffee County officials provided refreshments for the teams and those present for Monday's meeting further celebrating the state championships.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Aug. 11, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.



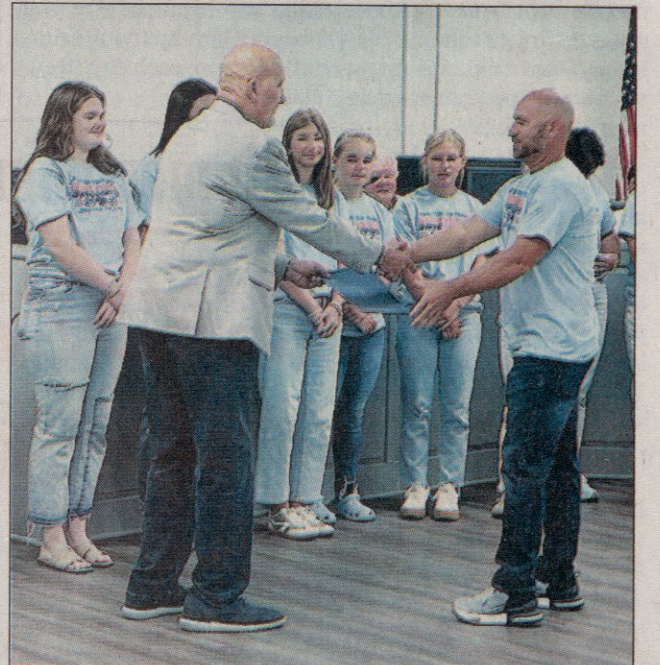
Kinston players, coaches and administrators listen as commission chairman Kim Ellis reads their resolution



Zion Chapel players, coaches and administrators listen as commission chairman Kim Ellis reads their resolution



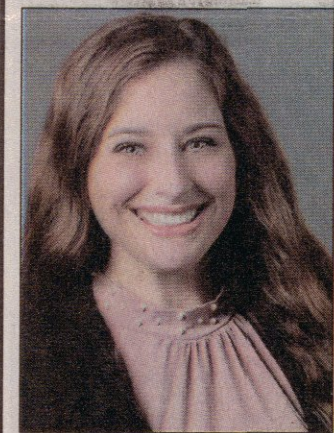
Coffee County Commission chairman Kim Ellis presents a copy of each resolution to school officials.



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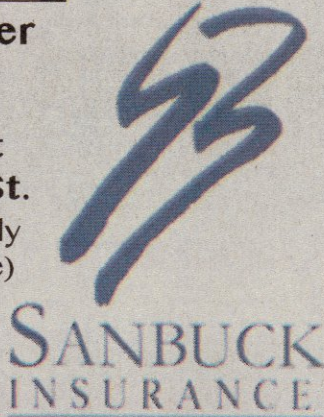
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Coffee County Schools announce Title I meetings

Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel Schools invite all parents to attend their annual school-wide Title I meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025.

Parents will gather in a general assembly to participate in a Title I presentation. The Title I program for parents is designed to: 1) inform parents about the purpose of Title I and how a school achieves Title I status, 2) involve parents in local Title I decisions, and 3) encourage active participation in their child's school and education.

School officials encourage all parents to join them for this informative meeting.

KINSTON - Megan Driggers, Principal - 4:00 - Gym
NBES - Emily Herbert, Principal - 5:00 - Library
NBMS - Bradley Bowers, Principal - 5:30 - NBHS Gym
NBHS - Alonzo Barkley, Principal - 5:00 and 6:00 - Auditorium
ZION CHAPEL - Jared Robison, Principal - 4:00 and 6:00 - Old Gym

For any questions, call the child's school.

New Brockton to host Aug. 4 Mayoral Debate at 5:30 p.m.

The Town of New Brockton announces plans to host a "Mayoral Candidate Forum" for the 2025 Municipal Election. The office of mayor is the only contested race in the upcoming election in New Brockton.

New Brockton's Mayoral Candidate Forum will be held Monday, Aug. 4, at

5:30 p.m. at the New Brockton Town Hall, located at 706 E. McKinnon St. There are three candidates seeking election for mayor.

Those attending the event can meet the candidates and hear each deliver his/her vision, platform, and responses to community concerns. Officials said this will be a good opportunity for citizens to be informed and involved in the future leadership of New Brockton.

The forum format will be as follows:

- Opening Statements - each candidate will have 2 minutes to present an introduction.
- Moderated Questions - candidates will respond to questions posed by the moderator with 2-minute time limits. Rebuttals may be permitted at the moderator's discretion.
- Audience Questions - A question box will be available upon arrival at the forum. Attendees may submit written questions using the provided slips. Audience questions will not be taken from the floor.

For more information, call the town clerk's office at (334) 894-5283.

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